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1. REFTEL DESCRIBED USG INITIATIVE TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTED RESULTS OF INITIAL MEETING.

2. EMBASSY ROME BELIEVES THAT FAILURE TO INCLUDE ITALY IN THIS INITIATIVE IS UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW (A) ITALIAN SENSITIVITIES RE RETENTION OF QTE MOST ADVANCED UNQTE SEAT IN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY - IAEA, (B) USG OFFER OF BILATERAL PROGRAM WITH GOI IN WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA (IN FRAMEWORK OF US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP), (C) ITALY'S STATUS AS INDUSTRIALIZED NATION SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

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BY ENERGY CRISIS AND (D) GI NUCLEAR PROGRAM WHICH FORSEES

CONSTRUCTION OF 20,000 MW NUCLEAR ELECTRICAL GENERATING CAPACITY
BY 1985.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN IDIALOGUE
WITH GOI SEEKING TO COUNTER NEGATIVE ITALIAN IMPRESSIONS OF
BENEFITS OF OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRY COOPERATION. A PART OF THIS
EFFORT IS TO SEEK TO INVOLVE GOI WHERE POSSIBLE AND WILLING IN
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ENERGY-ORIENTED PROJECTS. IF GOI
UNINTERESTED OR UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT,
IT CERTAINLY CAN NOT BE FORCED; HOWEVER, A PRIORI EXCLUSION SEEMS
NEITHER IN ITALY'S BENEFIT NOR IN OURS. BECAUSE THE EMBASSY MAY
RECEIVE INQUIRIES ON THIS MATTER, DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WOULD
BE APPRECIATED. VOLPE

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